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# Magic in the making

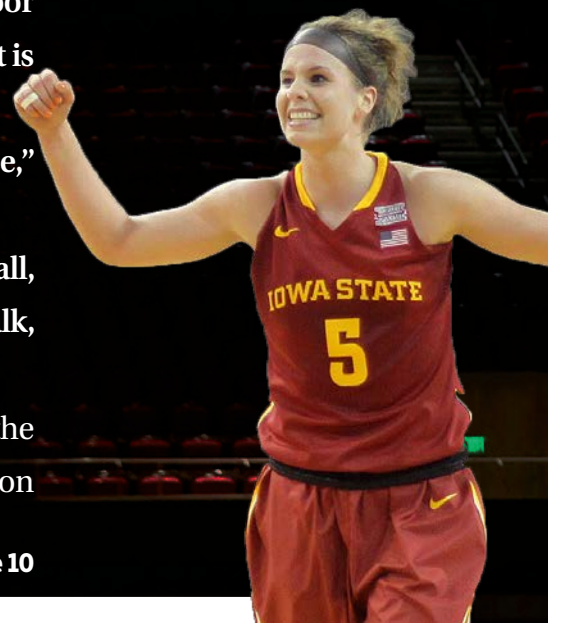
Hilton Coliseum is quiet. There are no players moving up and down the court, no sneakers squeaking on the hardwood. Cyclone Alley hasn't yet found their collective seats. The band hasn't yet begun playing its tune of "Iowa State Fights!" There, in the middle of the place "Hilton Magic" once formed, so loud that the very floor and rims shook, a spotlight shines down on center court. The spotlight is as bright as ever.

"We know, at the end of the day, that this place is a magical place," said junior guard Nikki Moody about Hilton.

This season, the storyline has not been solely about men's basketball, nor has it been only about women's basketball. The spotlight, the talk, has been collective. The storyline: Iowa State basketball.

The talk started slow, but as records fell, and as Iowa State became the only school remaining with both teams undefeated, it grew louder. Hilton is on center stage. Iowa State basketball is as popular as ever before.

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that this place is a magical place."

*Nikki Moody*

Illustration by Morgan Walgamuth/ Photo by Brian Achenbach




Weather



MON

22|33


Partly sunny and breezy,  
chance of snow.



TUES

11|28

30 percent chance of snow  
and cloudy.



WED

23|27

Mostly sunny.

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Police Blotter

The information in the log comes from the ISU and City of Ames police departments' records. All those accused of violating the law are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Dec. 11  
Vehicles driven by **Mohammed Aldhaheeri** and **Kfalifa Altamimi** were involved in a property damage collision at Union Drive and Welch Road (reported at 12:34 p.m.).  
Vehicles driven by **Regina Patterson** and **Daron Stauffer** were involved in a property damage collision at Lot 34 (reported at 12:39 p.m.).  
An officer investigated the attempted use of another person's identification card to acquire items at Union Drive Community Center (reported at 1:35 p.m.).  
A vehicle that left the scene collided with a parked car at Lot A3 (reported at 4:28 p.m.).  
A community service officer observed and reported graffiti in two parking spots at Ames Intermodal Facility (reported at 9:44 p.m.).  
Dec. 12  
**Mingfang Zhou**, 21, 170D University Village, was arrested and charged with public intoxication at Martin Hall (reported at 12:32 a.m.).  
**Callin Hornsby**, 19, 218 Ash Ave, was arrested and charged with public intoxication at Martin Hall (reported at 1:19 a.m.).  
**Allicia King**, 21, 4301 Lincoln Swing, Apt 27, was arrested and charged with operating while intoxicated and open container

at the 100 block of Welch Ave. **Danielle Albert**, 20, 306 North Main St, Kimballton, was cited for underage possession of alcohol (reported at 1:16 a.m.).  
An individual reported being assaulted by a male at Union Drive Community Center (reported at 11:48 a.m.).  
**Oluwatoyin Emeka Adeleke**, 22, 2823 Lincoln Way, Apt 2, was arrested and charged with fifth degree theft, reference an incident that occurred in State Gymnasium on 11/21/13 at the Armory. He was subsequently released on citation (reported at 1:51 p.m.).  
A vehicle driven by **Wufei Bian** was involved in a property damage collision at Hyland Ave. and Pammel Drive (reported at 2:32 p.m.).  
An individual reported the theft of a bike at Parks Library (reported at 8:37 p.m.).  
A driver was stopped and warned for driving in an off-road area at University Village (reported at 9:53 p.m.).  
An individual reported the theft of a laptop computer from a hallway at Friley Hall (reported at 11:34 p.m.).  
**Caleb Titus**, 20, 7115 Frederiksen Court, was cited for underage possession of alcohol at Frederiksen Court (reported at 11:47 p.m.).



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Gov. Terry Branstad talks to the Iowa State College Republicans on March 7, 2011, at the Iowa State Capitol. Last week, Branstad laid out his agenda for the 85th Iowa General Assembly session, which will address a tuition freeze and other issues.

Iowa Legislature to focus interests

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The 85th Iowa General Assembly session that started today will decide on the tuition freeze for in-state students and other issues impacting students.

Gov. Terry Branstad laid out his agenda for the legislative session at a press conference last week. Some items on his list included opposing the new renewable fuel standard, advocating for anti-bullying legislation, supporting Iowa Base House to recruit veterans into the workforce and pension reform, among others. Branstad said that he would focus on these bipartisan issues in an election year.

“One of the priorities at the top of my list is to work on the tuition freeze,” said Sen. Herman Quirmbach, D-Ames. “[The governor] has been saying positive things about that proposal in recent weeks and I am very pleased about that. But, he hasn’t made a full commitment yet. We haven’t heard a whole lot from the House Republicans.”

The Board of Regents approved the tuition freeze proposal last December for the second year in a row. The plan includes a freeze in tuition fees for in-state undergraduate students. The freeze is dependent on a four percent increase in general university funding. Branstad supports the freeze, though some Republicans did not fully support the additional funding.

“I can’t guarantee the request of the Regents regarding the tuition freeze for a second year. Philosophically, not increasing tuition is absolutely something I support. But, it’s got to be financially feasible as well,” said Sen. Amy Sinclair, R-Allerton. She stressed having a stable budget in place for the state in light of the declined revenues in December.

Quirmbach said he is still optimistic about getting through the tuition freeze proposal. He stated his support for the freeze because of the increasing cost of tuition and the resulting student debt. He is in touch with members of the Government of the Student Body to know about student demands and has received positive feedback on the tuition freeze issue.

One contentious issue in this session includes raising the minimum wage. Democrats have supported raising the minimum wage while Republicans, including the governor, are not on board with the idea.

“I don’t necessarily support changing the minimum wage,” Sinclair said. “Not because good employees don’t deserve good pay, but I don’t think it is the state’s job.”

Quirmbach explained that a rise in the minimum wage means a lot to college students.

“There are a lot of students who work summer jobs or part-time during school, who are at or near the minimum wage,” he said. Raising the minimum wage is going to make it easier to come to school without doing so much borrowing.

“With the general public, this is an overall winner. The question is whether legislators in the other body are going to be listening to their constituents. If they are, I think we can get this done.”

Quirmbach said he supports a higher price on gas to better serve transportation needs of the state.

Sinclair did not approve of any proposal to increase fuel tax. She added that transportation needs can be fulfilled outside the fuel tax with measures like targeted road repairs.

“I think one of the things we have been heavily investing in the state is new prisons and I see that coming to an end. I see more dollars being freed up for education and state owned buildings,” said Sen. Matt McCoy, D-Des Moines and co-chairman of the Transportation, Infrastructure and Capital Budget subcommittee. He said he has been following up on projects in the works, especially those at the regent universities.

McCoy said he expects specific recommendations for infrastructure from the governor’s five-year plan. The existing public-private funding model for infrastructure projects is likely to continue as the infrastructure committee has more demands than its allotted budget.

The legislature is in session through April 22.



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# ISU Army ROTC exhibits award-winning performance

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When Iowa State Army ROTC started the 2013 year, they had high goals as a team -- goals that were lived up to and surpassed by the members of the Cyclone Battalion.

“Our goal was to prove ourselves as individuals and to show that Iowa State is the number one program in the nation,” said Amanda Veen, senior in interdisciplinary studies and the cadet command sergeant major.

Each summer, the incoming seniors of the Army ROTC take the Leadership Development Assessment Course. The performances of the cadets at the course are then scored and awards are given to the best ROTC programs.

Overall, the Cyclone Battalion earned five awards.

This year's cadets earned the No. 1 Program in the Third Brigade, a brigade that is made up of 41 host programs in a 10-state area.

“It's justification of the effort that these kids put in day in and day out to make themselves better leaders,” said Richard Smith,

professor of military science and tactics.

The cadets were also awarded No. 1 in Physical Fitness in the country, an award that looks at all cadets’ performances during the assessment course.

The seniors’ performances earned the program the titles of No. 1 in Leadership Excellence and No. 1 in Training Excellence for the Third Brigade.

The spring 2013 graduates also earned the No. 1 Program in Commissioning Excellence, an award that assesses each cadet on their skills and involvement as they commission to join the Army.

While the awards are based off the seniors’ performances, program members credit all program members as helping earn the titles.

“If the seniors wouldn’t have had the freshmen and sophomores to train and help develop those leadership styles, then they wouldn’t have been successful later on,” Smith said.

Attributing the success to the selflessness of each of the senior cadets, Smith is very proud of the seniors who have earned these

awards because of their ability to put the whole battalion's interests before their own.

“I started [my job] when they were sophomores, and it's an amazing transition of development that you see in these guys,” Smith said.

There is also a strong sense of community among the members of ROTC, which they believe helps the program be successful.

“Everyone has different personalities and different interests, but we share the common drive to all become an army officer,” said Zachary Graham, senior in anthropology. “We’re all there for each other.”

Although the program performed well this year, members are always looking at ways to improve for next year.

“We look at scores from the past, look at our weaknesses and how we can improve,” Veen said.

Improving is something very important to the program, too.

“The hardest thing for us is to figure out how do you continue to motivate and develop these kids,” Smith said.

In order to better prepare the cadets for their future, Smith as-



Tiffany Herring/Iowa State Daily

**The Iowa State Army ROTC program five awards over break. Some of the awards won included No. 1 Program in the third ROTC Brigade and the highest Army Physical Fitness Test average in the nation.**

sesses the cadets throughout the semester and together they discuss how they can improve.

“I ask what are you doing not only to make yourself better, but what are you doing to make the organization better,” Smith said.

He also brings other leaders of the army into classes -- that way, the younger cadets can ask

questions in order to get different perspectives that help better develop them as leaders.

“You get out what you put in,” Veen said. “You’ve got to put in the effort and the work to better yourself and improve. Then seeking out that help and those resources is probably the biggest thing.”

# Professor works to expand educational influences overseas

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Being passionate about what you do is something to strive for, and taking that passion to an international level is exactly what Linda Hagedorn has done.

Hagedorn, an associate dean of the School of Education, is quite passionate about working with international students.

Last semester, Hagedorn went to China, Vietnam and Tunisia to expand Iowa State's international reach and help students and teachers become more fluent in English.

Hagedorn's trips to China and Tunisia were funded by grants from the U.S. Department of State. The first grant for China was \$100,000 and the second grant was \$50,000. Iowa State was partnered with Kirkwood Community College for the trip to Tunisia and the amount for the full grant was \$250,000.

“In terms of grant standards, they're not big,” Hagedorn said. “I think they're significant, but they're not big, and it's very hard to find big amounts of money for international

programs. We don't [apply] for the money, we [apply] for the opportunity for the importance of the topic.”

The trip to Vietnam was not funded by grants, but rather by the Vietnamese government as part of their National Foreign Language 2020 project. This project aims to build a national foreign language capacity.

Hagedorn had been asked by a former student to present at the National Foreign Language 2020 project in Vietnam. This student, who received her Ph.D. ten years ago and now has a job in Vietnam, remembered Hagedorn's influence.

Although her focus on international students is part of her responsibility as an associate dean, it is something Hagedorn has a great passion and interest.

The trip to China was commissioned by the U.S. Department of State and was part of a partnership Iowa State already has with Henan Normal University in Xinxiang. Iowa State and Henan Normal jointly administer a master's program.

The universities had to have a working relationship and work as a team. Hagedorn asked her col-

leagues at Henan Normal if they would be willing to work on her with the project. The Department of State did not identify who was eligible.

Hagedorn was in China over fall break and used that as an opportunity to teach people about American culture, specifically Thanksgiving traditions. She, with some degree of difficulty, cooked a turkey and meal.

“They took me to a kitchen in a restaurant and that's where we cooked this Thanksgiving turkey,” Hagedorn said. “I won't go through all the details, but typically the Chinese don't eat turkey, so getting the turkey was difficult.”

She shared the American culture and values through the food and the Thanksgiving story. She also brought videos about Thanksgiving and the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

The educational institute in Tunisia, however, was already identified by the Department of State. It is a technical institute, meaning it has a three-year program and is somewhat like a community college similar to those found in the United States.

The purpose of the

trip to Tunisia was to look to alleviate the issues of the Arab Spring. Because the situation in Tunisia is so difficult, the grant is being used to introduce community college-type programs to help people learn more skills and get more jobs.

Conferences took place with employers in the area to find out what they are looking for in employees. Two of the main things they are looking for are skills in accounting and welding. As with the programs in China and Vietnam, they are also looking for people fluent in English, as being able to speak English in Tunisia helps with international trading.

The students at these technical institutes do not get a bachelor's degree, but rather a post-secondary diploma.

“You meet students, and they're just students when they come to us, but years pass and they hold very high positions of leadership, and often they'll remember their professors and look again for additional leadership,” Hagedorn said.

Learning to speak and understand English in these countries — and others — is very important

when it comes to international business, as well as coming to the United States to go to school. Hagedorn said that English is recognized around the world as the medium of communication, especially if looking for success on a global perspective.

The barrier is reading and writing in English. A lot of time is spent on grammar, reading and writing. The last thing people typically learn is how to speak and understand English.

Hagedorn also works closely with Rebecca Tang, assistant professor of apparel, events and hospitality management at, and Arne Hallam, associate dean in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Tang has worked with Hagedorn for the past year and a half on the international education projects

and has written ten grant-soliciting proposals.

“Dr. Hagedorn is passionate on international education,” Tang said. “Her educational belief is that all the young adults across the world should have the equal opportunity to get higher education.”

Tang said Hagedorn's passion is meaningful because the fate of some young adults may be changed by these joint programs.

She also said the pictures Hagedorn shared from her trip to China showed Hagedorn's “enthusiasm and passion to convey American culture and value.”

“I do hope that we can continue these types of programs and provide more opportunities for students...to go different places,” Hagedorn said.

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**Cyclone fans react after Iowa State took the lead late in Iowa State's 85-82 win over Iowa Dec. 13 at Hilton Coliseum. The noise level in Hilton was one of the highest in school history.**

# Hilton Magic depends on crowd spirit

College athletics hold a special place in the hearts and minds of millions across the nation. They provide a greater connection to the fans than professional teams can ever offer. This is not because the games being played are any different or because the rivalries created are any more bitter. It is because professional teams are held together as a business, while collegiate sports are held together by institutional loyalty.

Not only do the institutions that inspire such loyalty serve as the environments where student athletes grow and develop as people, but they also allow local communities, alumni networks and student bodies to actively support the teams and schools they love and cherish.

At Iowa State, that community-wide love and excitement is nowhere more evident than in Hilton Coliseum. With record-breaking starts to both the men's and women's basketball programs this year, the Cyclones can certainly be proud of a long list of accomplishments.

Both teams started the year with 14-game winning streaks, including wins over our in-state rivals Northern Iowa and Iowa. Each team is tied for second in its conference, and the men remain undefeated at home this season.

For our women's team, Jan. 15 will bring the West Virginia Mountaineers, a team whose season contains 13 consecutive wins, to Ames. With regard to the Cyclone men, No. 18 Kansas will be coming to campus Jan. 13.

Both games will have an advantage squarely in the Cyclones' column, though, in that they will both be played under the magical lights of Hilton Coliseum. But just what makes our home court so special?

The design of the building itself is often touted as a major factor in creating the astounding noise level for which Iowa State is known.

While structural engineering can certainly help create home court advantage, there is only so much that can be done without the appropriate fanbase.

This is where the Cyclones receive their most important assist.

ISU fans are not involved in the practices our teams go through. We do not score points, play defense, or coach any players to victory.

Even without doing these things, though, we can have a huge impact on how the Cyclones perform.

In basketball, that impact can show itself in strides. The closeness of the crowd and the intensity of its reaction allows fans to have a large impact during big games.

The next big game will be occurring for our men's team at 8 p.m. tonight against Kansas. Fans will remember last year's late loss to a No. 6 Kansas team, which went into overtime, breaking Iowa State's 22-game winning streak at Hilton.

In all sports, spectators become invested and feel pride when their team does well.

Those of us in Ames will be able to take an extra step not all fans can experience, though, and actually influence player performance with the noise we create.

With a long and difficult conference schedule ahead of our basketball teams, we should want to give as much help as possible this season. For the students, that means going to home games and being as loud as possible. As if we need encouragement to do that.

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# Dennis Rodman befriends the enemy

By Phil Brown  
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Dennis Rodman has made plenty of headlines in his career as a public figure.

The Hall of Famer and five-time NBA champion was known around the world for his bad boy persona and wacky, if usually harmless, antics during his playing years. Recently, Rodman has come back into the spotlight because of his relationship with North Korean dictator Kim Jong-un and his trips to the oppressed nation.

Despite wide-ranging public outrage at his association with one of the most oppressive leaders in today's world, Rodman has continued to defend both Kim Jong-un, at least in a personal capacity, and North Korea generally. His association with the Asian country should not only be embarrassing to Rodman, but it should outrage the rest of us living in the democratic world.

At their heart, the actions of Dennis Rodman seem commendable. Here is a man apparently trying to use his fame and specific skill set to bridge the culture gap between North Korea and much of the rest of the world. What he fails to realize is that he is not the person to perform such an outreach, and his methods have thus far been supremely flawed.

While it is certainly true that much good can come from the interaction of different peoples directly, as opposed to the interaction of governments, just who represents a culture can be extremely important. It is imperative that such representatives not only carry some form of weight with the people they will be visiting, but with the culture or people they come from as well.

Dennis Rodman is by no means a respected figure in our society. His skills on the basketball court are of course legendary, and his value as an entertainer has been recognized in other areas as well, but he is not a serious man. To find this, one needs to look no further than his appearance.

Obviously, no one should simply judge a man or woman by how he or she looks, but in the case of Dennis Rodman, we see a man who has deliberately and systematically made himself appear as an outcast. He has actively tried over the span of years to stand out and be as outrageous as possible.

Such a distinction is perfectly okay, but it comes with certain consequences. One of the consequences that comes with forcibly removing yourself from the norms of society is that you can no longer become a social leader, at least not without reentering the society you previously left behind.

In terms of public leadership, this means more than simply laying low for a few years or becoming involved with a local community. For a man like Dennis Rodman to become a representative of our culture and society, he would have to first publicly and obviously renounce his status as merely a rebel for rebellion's sake.

It may be that his political activism is an attempt at just that, but instead of cementing his place in our culture as an accepted public persona first, he has grasped at legitimacy by diving headfirst into one of the most tense political relationships in the world.

Perhaps because his experience lies in other areas, Rodman has also taken up a horrendous strategy for spreading his message of acceptance and international goodwill.



Photo courtesy of Wikimedia Commons  
**Dennis Rodman's relationship with North Korea's Kim Jong-un is not the way for the former athlete to approach diplomacy, according to Columnist Brown.**

A common refrain appears to be that his work is not about political issues. In an interview with ABC, Rodman said "I'm not like a diplomat, I don't want to do that." A fellow basketball player, Charles Smith, along with other former NBA players, sat with Rodman during a satellite interview with CNN's Chris Cuomo. Smith, unlike Rodman, kept his cool and asserted that "...we're not here for any political aspects. We're not here to talk politics."

Unfortunately for Smith, Rodman, and the other players seeking to engage in "basketball diplomacy", they are involved in politics. They became involved the moment their relationship was with Kim Jong-un and not the people of North Korea. By engaging the dictator in an overwhelmingly positive manner, they have given credibility, however slight, to

the oppressive government centered in Pyongyang.

Rodman's assurances that Kim Jong-un is "a good guy to me" and "a good dad" do little for the millions living under his brutal regime. They do little for Kenneth Bae, an American citizen held by North Korea on various charges including attempting to overthrow the government — Rodman apologized Thursday for earlier, vague remarks suggesting Bae may have deserved the charges.

Maybe more importantly, Rodman's actions do nothing to show the government of North Korea that the rest of the world will not accept their actions. He may very well have the best of intentions, but Dennis Rodman has absolutely no business in the business of international diplomacy.

# Don't let fears restrict experiences

By Kelsey Cummings  
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Ever since I was young, I've had a fear of flying. Perhaps it's irrational, but the idea of getting into a roughly 255,000 pound hunk of metal and plastic and trusting it to stay in the air has just never appealed to me.

But this borderline phobia has held me back from seeing much of the world. Because of my fear, my family often chose to vacation close to home in the Midwest. I've never been to Disney World and never really ventured much farther than Tennessee. Naturally, I wanted to just drive everywhere, but day-long car trips didn't do well in the eyes of my less scared family members.

So unfortunately, I've never really traveled much. I've never been out of the country or anywhere outside of my comfort zone. And as someone who hopes to become a professional writer one day, I may have scared myself out of a lot of experiences which could have contributed nicely to my ability to create a descriptive setting or a realistic depiction of any person outside my hometown.

But what's more is that I've cheated myself out of time. I've been on this earth for 20 years now, and a good number of those years could have been spent experiencing much more of the planet than my limited driving time would allow. Instead, I contented myself with the surrounding area.

But now my mind, in its prime time of life, yearns for a bit more adventure. And if I want to travel and experience the world without much to tie me down, now is the time to do it; and yet that fear was preventing me from it. But facing your fears is all about finding the right motivation for doing so. My motivation took the form of a dream publishing internship in New York.

Because this internship would require me to fly all the way to New York City by myself in an airplane this summer, I had little time to

prepare. In order to feel safe enough to fly alone, I needed to first try to fly alongside someone else. Luckily enough, a couple members of my family were planning a trip to Arizona over Christmas. My chance had arrived.

After putting off buying a ticket for awhile — I was still too afraid to come to terms with my going — I finally arrived at the airport. I fumbled my way through security and attempted several long breathing exercises before making my way onto the plane itself. Up to that point, I was relatively calm. I joked about my built-up anxiety and made light of my fear that the pilots hadn't gotten enough sleep or hadn't properly checked the plane for ice.

But it wasn't until the plane started taxiing that I truly realized how terrified of flying I was. My poor family member, whose arm I probably just about broke off, attempted to soothe me while I panicked. And as the lights turned off and we began our speedy ascent into the air, I shut my eyes and tried to

imagine I was anywhere but off the ground.

Though some embarrassing tears were shed, once the plane steadied in the air I felt OK. There was little turbulence and I was able to focus on my music enough to calm down. Landing was even better; the closer we came to the ground, the safer I felt.

Then I was done. The flight was over. I was back on the ground. I hadn't plummeted to my death. After the much easier — though more turbulent — flight back home, I began to think how silly I had been for being so afraid. I had let my fear of the unknown get to me, and now that I've crossed that hurdle, I can confidently say that I'll be just fine flying to New York alone.

I've opened my life up to so many more opportunities simply by getting over my fear and stepping onto a plane. And if I hadn't, who's to say if I'd ever experience life outside of the Midwest. Flying wasn't horrible at all because, just like facing my fear, the initial takeoff was the worst part.



# Student cheating hinders learning

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We have all cheated at some point in our lives. It is so easy to do. All it takes is that one test that you didn't quite study enough for or that homework assignment that you didn't quite finish. Just a quick glance at your neighbor's paper can make the difference between a passing and a failing grade.

We often think of cheating as someone sneaking a peak during an exam. This is cheating, but cheating also is whenever you use someone else's work as your own.

This can be copying answers on a test or homework assignment, having someone do your homework for you, getting the answers ahead of time or plagiarizing someone else's work.

With today's technology, it is easier than ever to copy a paper or share the answers for that big assignment. With smartphones, we are able to look up the an-

swers virtually anywhere.

We all know that cheating is wrong, but what we don't know are the exact consequences one gets from being caught cheating.

After all, how harmless could it really be? It may seem like a good idea at the time, but all it takes is that one time for you to get caught. That alone can put your whole academic future in jeopardy.

At Iowa State, academic dishonesty can be handled in several different ways. Usually, you will first receive a letter stating what you did and how it violated the code of conduct. Next, your action will go under observation for a period of time. Then it will be decided what action the university will take.

The most severe consequence of cheating is expulsion from the university. You are unable to attend school under any circumstances. With a consequence like that, why risk your entire education?

Not only do you have to worry about troubles with the school, cheating also hurts you



Photo Illustration: Tiffany Herring/Iowa State Daily  
**Many students cheat at some point in their academic careers. Cheating encompasses more than just looking at your neighbor's answers, and it can have dire effects on your academic future.**

as an individual. Cheating is easy to do again once you've done it the first time.

It becomes a regular habit. You cheat just because it's easy, not because you couldn't figure out the test question. Becoming used to cheating can prevent you from actually trying in your classes. Studying becomes a foreign term. By relying on cheating to pass the class, you are unable to actually learn the information taught. With cheating as a

fallback, it is much easier to quit studying the material altogether.

So, why is it so easy for us to cheat?

The problem lies within the belief that education doesn't matter as much as the grade you receive. We have it set in our mind that getting a C grade in a course shows a lack of intelligence.

Getting a C is considered average, which shows that you know enough to pass the class.

Getting A's becomes the goal however, and some will do whatever it takes to achieve that high mark.

Instead of worrying about the letter at the end of the semester, we need to take time to realize the value of the education we receive. Sure, it was a tough course and we didn't receive the grade that we desired, but the knowledge learned from that course is much more valuable than the grade.

# Class attendance requirements infringe on student freedoms

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After pulling an all-nighter for your philosophy test, you can feel the heaviness of your eyes winning the battle to stay awake. Eagerly, you check the clock, hoping there's enough time for a nap before your first class. To your dismay, you only have an hour before statistics. Even though you know you would perform better on your test this afternoon if you got some sleep, you're only allowed two absences in statistics and your teacher must approve them. So, you attend, struggling to keep your eyes open and remembering hardly anything taught in class.

Taking attendance for grades has been an ongoing discussion throughout the history of higher education. Many professors believe that there is a direct correlation between class attendance and a student's performance in the course. While some of these professors believe mandatory class attendance will enhance a student's learning, others believe it will hinder it.

Research results on the topic throughout the years have varied as

well. Many studies have shown that increased attendance results in higher grades. However, some studies show that attendance does not affect students' performance. Other studies even say that mandatory attendance will have a negative effect on students' grades and performance.

A majority of college students know that by attending class they have a better chance of learning the material and performing well on tests, assignments and projects. However, by making attendance mandatory and a part of a student's grade, professors are not contributing to his or her success in the course. Making attendance a percentage of a student's final grade certainly does not reflect that student's competency in the course.

College is the first time many students truly have the freedom to make their own decisions. We can finally independently decide how we want to spend our time. While some of us are busy partying and socializing, others take advantage of all the extracurricular activities. On top of these, many of us have to hold a part-time job to cover rent and other expenses.

With this freedom comes the responsibility of prioritizing and holding ourselves accountable for all of our

activities and class work while still finding time to sleep and keep ourselves healthy. Sometimes this means getting a few extra hours of sleep, taking an extra shift at work or finishing up a final project instead of attending a class. As young adults, we should have the freedom to make these kinds of decisions. We would then have the responsibility and ability to go over what was discussed in class in our textbook or grab notes from a friend.

Even if a professor allows two or three absences during the course of a semester, these absences commonly have to be approved and excused by the professor. This includes missing class for illnesses or family emergencies. But, even if you are sick, this means going through the hassle of going to the doctor's office and receiving a doctor's note. Anything else is left to the professor's discretion. Not only does this create a hassle for students, but the professor as well. While professors have the right to be concerned if a student is missing class for weeks at a time, a student missing a few classes throughout the semester should not be their concern.

Even though some students need the extra push to attend class, many of us want to be successful. Mary Beth O'Halloran, a professor of philosophy at

Century College in Minnesota, believes that students perform best when they are self-directed and enthusiastic about their course work. When professors punish students for not coming to class, they will likely diminish students' enthusiasm and self-direction for learning.

If students are forced to attend classes, they could very well be spacing off, thinking about other problems in their life, working on another assignment or just browsing the Internet during the entirety of a class anyway, getting nothing out of the lecture. An alternative to this would be to reward students for coming to class. For example, students will likely not want to miss class if they know there might be an in-class assignment or quiz.

Some classes, like labs, do require attendance for a student's success, and students should not be allowed to miss tests or group project work. In many cases, however classes are simply resources that aid in a student's success in a course. Students can choose how much they want to take advantage of this resource.

Universities and their professors should stop punishing students for missing classes and instead encourage them to take advantage of this resource by making it beneficial and engaging.

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# Iowa State meets Kansas in newfound rivalry

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The ball floated off the hand of Kansas guard Ben McLemore into the air in the waning seconds of regulation play last January. Weeks later, forward Georges Niang went to the ground at Hilton Coliseum, taking an apparent charge.

Both times Kansas snuck past Iowa State for overtime victories.

“Two of three games we basically lost but won it on the scoreboard,” Kansas coach Bill Self told reporters Jan. 11, after the No. 18 Jayhawks (11-4, 2-0 Big 12) pushed past No. 25 Kansas State.

No. 9 Iowa State (14-1, 2-1) lost a third meeting against Kansas in the Big 12 tournament last March. The Cyclones meet the Jayhawks tonight at Hilton in an important conference match-up after losing their first game of the 2013-14 season Jan. 11 to Oklahoma.

“All three of those games last year definitely have stuck with me,” said Georges Niang. “It’s a big rivalry between us and them, so we’re going to be ready to go for this game on Monday.”

The Cyclones lost in Norman, Okla. on Saturday after allowing the Sooners to make 13 3-pointers while being outscored on second chance points 22-2. A bigger loss than the game may be

senior guard DeAndre Kane.

In the final seconds Saturday, Kane went to the ground after twisting his left ankle. He will receive treatment up until tipoff Monday, before being a game time decision.

“If I can go, I’m going to play,” said Kane, who was without crutches Jan. 12.

Iowa State has other things to worry about in Kansas. The Jayhawks defeated Oklahoma last week before defeating Kansas State by 26 points Saturday.

After playing one of the nation’s top nonconference schedules, Kansas is off to another hot start in Big 12 play.

“They’re playing with a ton of confidence right now, and when you have that collection of talent that’s playing with that type of confidence, that makes them a very dangerous team,” said ISU coach Fred Hoiberg. “I’d say they’re playing as well as any team in the country right now. We’re going to have to be at our best if we’re going to have a chance to win.”

Kane remembers seeing highlights from Iowa State’s home loss against Kansas last season, and one thing stood out.

“I saw a couple charge calls that weren’t called or things like that,” Kane joked. “Kansas is a good team. They’re well-coached, they’re young, they’re athletic.”

The Cyclones return to the



Grace Steenhagen/Iowa State Daily  
**Georges Niang gets set to shoot during the second half of the game last year. Though Iowa State had the upper hand for the majority of the game, Kansas pulled ahead in overtime to take the win with a final score of 108-96.**

spotlight at 8 p.m. in a nationally televised game, with the hope of quickly erasing thoughts from their first loss of the season.

“Coming off a loss, it kind of hurt. But we have to get by it,” said sophomore guard Naz Long. “It’s in the past now, so playing

Kansas is a great opportunity to make a good statement. It’s a good way to jumpstart moving on and getting a great, big win.”

# Cyclones unable to keep pace with No. 15 Oklahoma State

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With his team trailing 58-49 with 4:29 left in the game, ISU coach Bill Fennelly called a time-out to put Hallie Christofferson back in the game, after early foul trouble, to focus a team that felt somewhat lost on the floor.

When she returned to the court, Christofferson grabbed an offensive rebound, made a layup as she was fouled and hit the free throw to pull the Cyclones within six points.

All of that happened in her first six seconds back into the game.

Iowa State clawed its way back to within three points with 1:18 remaining, but couldn’t hold off the No. 15 Oklahoma State and lost for the first time this season 69-62 to quiet the crowd of nearly 11,000 at Hilton Coliseum.

When the game was on the line and their best player nearly shut down with four fouls, no one stepped up to make a play. In a place known for “Hilton Magic” in the heart of an undefeated season, fans went home feeling less than magical in a loss

that perhaps wasn’t even as close as the score indicated.

“We kind of lost it as a team,” said junior forward/guard Brynn Williamson.

“We’ve played where we are getting shots and people are jacked ... [but] Hallie gets her fourth foul and we just totally [look] like four deer in the headlights out there, like, ‘How are we going to score?’”

Acting as the spark for the Cyclones (14-1, 2-1 Big 12) for all of the season, Christofferson was limited for most of the game despite recording a double-double with 20 points and 10 rebounds. After getting into foul trouble with about eight minutes left in the game, Iowa State struggled to keep up with Oklahoma State on both ends of the floor.

Christofferson made 8-of-18 field goals as she was tightly defended, but the four remaining starters struggled to offer any help, going 8-for-26 from the field between them. In the biggest game of the season to date, the Cyclones failed to feed off one of the most notoriously supportive crowds in the nation.

“We got it down to three points when Seanna hit that 3,”

Williamson said of the final minutes. “I mean, there were 11,000 people more excited than the five people playing in the white jerseys. That’s just something you can’t fix on the stat sheet, that’s something you have to do in person.”

It’s a problem that never cost the Cyclones a game in nonconference play when facing lesser competition. In games against ranked opponents Iowa and Oklahoma, players like Williamson and freshman Jadda Buckley stepped up when Christofferson was limited.

In a competitive league like the Big 12, Iowa State will possibly have to find a way to win games without going solely through Christofferson. Fennelly said he will not put up with a team that isn’t excited to win games.

“If the emotion and effort in this game was lacking, two things need to happen: They need to look in the mirror, and they need a new coach,” Fennelly said. “I promise you that will be taken care of.”

The Cyclones will take on West Virginia at 7 p.m. Wednesday in Hilton Coliseum.



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**Senior forward Hallie Christofferson attempts to shoot while fighting off a block during Iowa State’s 85-65 win over William & Mary on Dec. 29 at Hilton Coliseum. Christofferson had 11 points and five rebounds in the game.**

# Cyclone gymnasts continue striving for all-around perfection



Jonathan Krueger/Iowa State Daily  
**Junior Caitlin Brown competes in the balance beam in the meet with Michigan and Illinois State at Hilton on Friday. Brown scored a 9.750 in the balance beam and the Cyclones placed second.**

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For the ISU gymnastics team, Friday’s tri-meet against Michigan and Illinois State was about maturity. How would the Cyclones respond to dropping their season opener just five days before?

Pretty well, according to head coach Jay Ronayne.

“Plan A was to win [the season opener] and proceed from there. When that didn’t happen, well, we felt ‘Where do we go from here?’” Ronayne said. “[The team] stepped right up and said, ‘They didn’t beat us. We beat ourselves and now we’re going to take things into our own hands.’ And that’s just what they did. They went out there and hit the routines.”

The Cyclones (1-2, 0-0 Big 12) saw improvement across the board as all nine competing gymnasts improved at least one score from the first meet against No. 15 Penn State. Four ISU gymnasts also set new personal highs on various events: junior Caitlin Brown on bars (9.800), floor exercise (9.875) and all-around (39.125); senior Milan Ivory on beam (9.725); sophomore Kristen DeCosta on floor exercise (9.825); senior Megan McDonald on floor exercise (9.750).

The star of the show, however, was Michigan’s Joanna Sampson, a senior. Sampson won the all-around competition with a score of 39.325 and placed in the top two on vault, beam and floor exercise. Sampson’s stellar performance propelled the No. 7 Wolverines (2-0, 0-0 Big 10) to a final mark of 196.525 and ultimately the victory. The Cyclones finished second with 195.600, followed by Illinois State with 187.400.

Though Iowa State didn’t win the meet

## Upcoming meets

The ISU gymnastics team takes to the road for its next two meets:

- Jan. 17 : traveling to face the No. 3 Oklahoma Sooners
- Jan. 25 : No. 12 Oregon State Beavers
- The Cyclones won’t return to Hilton until Feb. 7 for a match-up with West Virginia.

overall, Ivory was happy with her team’s progress, but still sees areas for growth.

“I think we’re pretty satisfied with how we did and the improvements we made from last week,” Ivory said after helping Iowa State tally its first win of the season. “We still have things we can improve on though. On beam it’s just working on sticking that dismount and trying to reduce the wobbles.”

Brown, who tied a team record with a score of 9.875, thinks that, on top of technical improvements, the Cyclones just have to let loose and have fun.

“It’s just a matter of staying relaxed and having a good time,” Brown said. “When we’re silly and crazy and having fun we do better. That’s how we are in the gym and that’s how our personalities are, so when we’re acting natural like that we do much better.”

With Friday’s match-up against their best opponent yet looming, Ronayne thinks his squad has a shot at heading south to upset the No. 3 Oklahoma Sooners.

“It comes down to not giving up those tenths of points on landings,” Ronayne said. “We just have to stick some vaults, stick some bar dismounts nail routines again and keep doing things the way we’re doing them. That’s all it’ll come down to.”







# Quirmbach hosts congressional candidate in Ames

Former Senator  
Staci Appel seeks  
further funding

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The race for Congress made a pit stop in Ames. Sen. Herman Quirmbach, D-Ames, hosted Staci Appel, a democrat from Ackworth, Iowa, at his home Friday night as part of her campaign fundraising. Appel could possibly be the first woman from Iowa elected to Congress.

“Unfortunately, most of what running for Congress is about is raising money,” Appel said.

Appel announced she was running for federal office in July 2013 and has since then raised \$500,000. Appel said the campaign goal is to reach about \$3.5 million.

Endorsements from Planned Parenthood and Emily’s List, which both support pro-choice women candidates, have helped her campaign, Appel said.

Iowa is one of only two states that have not elected a woman to federal office, the other being Mississippi, Quirmbach said.

“There are a lot of people that are excited about a woman candidate for Congress,” said Brent Wynja, vice chairman of the Story County Democratic Party.

Appel said that it is time a female candidate won in Iowa.

“We haven’t had a Democratic seat open in a long time because white men have filled it,” Appel said. “This is the first Democratic seat that a woman with [large enough] numbers could actually win, but we’ve had qualified women run before.”

According to Iowa Official Register and Office of the Clerk, U.S. House



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**Staci Appel speaks with supporters Jan. 9. Appel, a former member of the Iowa Senate, is now running for Congress. Senator Herman Quirmbach held a benefit Friday evening for Appel to allow supporters a chance to help her in the race. If elected, Appel would be the first Congresswoman hosted from Iowa.**

## Quick facts about Appel StacAppel

- Staci Appel was born in Waterloo, IA, but grew up in Iowa City.
- Appel’s husband, Brent Appel, is on the Iowa Supreme Court, and together they have six children between the ages of five and 16 and live in Ackworth.
- If elected, Appel wishes to focus on the issues of women’s health, education, alternative energy, middle class priorities, farming and agriculture and jobs and the economy.

of Representatives, there have been 24 women who have run for Congress from Iowa since 1962. Thirteen have been Democrats, three Republicans, the rest being Independents or nominated by petition.

Last month, Republican Tom Latham,

incumbent who represented Ames, decided to no longer run, Quirmbach said.

Running for third district, which Ames is not in, event attendee and Ames citizen Sue Dinsdale said it is still important for Staci to visit Ames.

“I think she’ll bring a fresh voice and diversity to our delegation,” Dinsdale said. “A woman in Iowa would be a good thing.”

Running for the Republican side are David Young, former chief of staff for Sen. Chuck Grassley, and Joe Grandanette from Des Moines. Matt Schultz, current Iowa Secretary of State, threw his hat into the race on Jan. 9.

Quirmbach said Schultz has caused a lot of controversy because of his stance on voter identification.

“[Schultz’s] proposal would significantly disenfranchise college students ... making it much toug-

er for students to vote,” Quirmbach said.

Appel said this proposal would not allow students to use their student ID to register to vote in Iowa.

Appel served on the Iowa Senate from 2007-11. While serving on the Senate, Appel’s main focuses were on raising minimum wage, preschool for every four-year-old and anti-smoking laws.

Quirmbach has served with Appel on the Iowa Senate and worked with her on same-day voter registration and the issue of minimum wage. Minimum wage was raised from \$5.15 to \$6.20 in 2007 and up to \$7.25 in 2008. Quirmbach said he wants to raise it another 40 percent to be above \$10.

Approximately 30 to

35 people attended the event at Quirmbach’s house in Ames. A guest played numerous tunes on the piano while Appel socialized and discussed the main issues she wants to tackle — the most important, she said, being social inequity in the state.

“We have too many families living in poverty and that has to do with increasing the minimum wage,” Appel said.

Appel’s campaign financial manager didn’t know the total amount raised at the event.

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- 46 Hurricane rescue
- 49 Omnivorous
- Looney Tunes devil, familiarly
- 50 Folgers competitor
- 53 Greek letter be-

tween phi and psi

- 55 Airline approx.
- 56 Tee or blouse
- 57 Sandwich meat
- 58 Randomly determined NBA draft choice
- 64 "Me, too"
- 66 Use a piggy bank
- 67 Overflow with, as charm
- 68 Prelude, for short
- 69 Hawaiian strings
- 70 Thief's haul
- 71 Explosive test
- 72 Felt tips and ballpoints
- 73 Dumbo's wings

### Down

- 1 Log cutters
- 2 Condo division
- 3 "Inside" facts, briefly
- 4 Meditative exercise regimen
- 5 Teardrop-shaped nutlike snacks
- 6 Answering machine cue
- 7 Part of MIT: Abbr.
- 8 South Seas getaway
- 9 Substitute (for)
- 10 "To thine \_\_\_ self be true"
- 11 Ohio city
- 12 Work on dough
- 13 Titillating cell-phone messages

- 21 Green Hornet's sidekick
- 22 Extremely
- 27 Male deer
- 28 Game on horseback
- 29 Valid
- 30 Christmas toy-maker
- 31 Gadget used on an apple
- 32 "\_\_\_ the fields we go"
- 36 PC alternative
- 37 Relax in a hammock
- 39 California's Santa

- 41 ICU drips
- 44 Poet whose work inspired "Cats"
- 45 Director Preminger
- 47 Woman on stage
- 48 Bok \_\_\_: Chinese cabbage
- 51 Consumes avidly
- 52 Take a stand against
- 53 Series of links
- 54 Lacks
- 59 Word before five or ten
- 60 \_\_\_-steven
- 61 State known for its caucuses
- 62 Business bigwig
- 63 Gunpowder holders
- 65 "\_\_\_ Doubtfire"

## Horoscope by Linda Black

### Today's Birthday

(1/13/13)

Apply your trademark discipline to health and fitness this year for energizing results. Your love life and career advance naturally, building to a peak between May and July. Indulge your curiosity for deeper meaning with someone fun and fascinating. Maintain financial organization, and your net worth grows.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

### Aries

(March 21-April 19)

**Today is an 8** – Heavy activity provides great lessons today. Learn from your mistakes and save time ultimately. Communications go further, so talk about what you like, and spread enthusiasm.

### Taurus

(April 20-May 20)

**Today is an 8** – Disciplined communications get your message out in new channels. Use creativity, charm and intellect to generate profits. Keep building infrastructure. Delight in witty banter with someone interesting. Talk about passion and promise.

### Gemini

(May 21-June 20)

**Today is an 8** – The moon's in your sign and the world is listening. Sing out from your heart, and closed doors open. Your persistence and dedication accomplish more than expected. Take responsibility for a change you want. Make it happen.

### Cancer

(June 21-July 22)

**Today is a 7** – Snuggling seems delightful. Ponder concepts like freedom and inner health. Let go of some old limitation. Serve others by serving yourself. Recharge while considering your next move.

### Leo

(July 23-Aug. 22)

**Today is a 7** – Words come easily, and you're especially clever today. Enjoy your friends. Talk about your next adventure. Build your plans with strong foundations. Invite those you'd like to play with to come along.

### Virgo

(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

**Today is a 7** – Apply yourself to your work, and creativity sparks in unique directions. Maintain a respectful attitude with clients and bosses as you get lost in the job. Your talent, articulation and focus win appreciation.

### Libra

(Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

**Today is an 8** – Travel or studies, including social, cultural or philosophical inquiries, satisfy your spirit. You're interested in liberty and justice. Craft a perfect pitch to persuade others to join the endeavor.

### Scorpio

(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

**Today is an 8** – Apply your smarts to solutions that benefit your partner. Handle insurance matters or financial details. File the paperwork. Communications flow with ease, so share, connect and hit "send." Your nest egg grows.

### Sagittarius

(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

**Today is an 8** – Connect with an inspiring creative partner. It seems easier to handle tasks you'd been avoiding, so complete them. This gives space for new endeavors and collaborations, and some enticing ones wait in the wings.

### Capricorn

(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

**Today is a 9** – Today has powerhouse potential. Align your efforts to serve and support health for yourself and others, and incredible results could arise. Your words and deeds travel further, and fun takes all the work out of it.

### Aquarius

(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

**Today is a 7** – You're especially brilliant today, and things are starting to get fun. Time with kids and young people rejuvenates your spirit. Set aside worries for a while and play light-hearted games. Get outside and see what's going on.

### Pisces

(Feb. 19-March 20)

**Today is a 7** – Home projects flourish today. Choose what results you want, talk it over and make it happen. Creative partnership comes easily, and domestic temptations and joys distract. That's OK. Enjoy simple family pleasures.

## Sudoku by the Mephram Group

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	8	6			2	5	
		1				3	

LEVEL: 1 2 3 4

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit [www.sudoku.org.uk](http://www.sudoku.org.uk)

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# Magic in the making



Brian Achenbach/Iowa State Daily  
**Senior forward Melvin Ejim dunks on Iowa's Melsahn Basabe during Iowa State's 85-82 win over Iowa on Dec. 13, 2013 at Hilton Coliseum. Ejim had 22 points and seven rebounds.**

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## Unique success between programs

On a cold, sub-zero Sunday night on the west side of Ames, Georges Niang stopped women's coach Bill Fennelly outside the Sukup Basketball Complex after he and his women's team returned from a thrilling overtime victory in Norman, Okla.

"Man, way to handle business," Niang told the 19-year head coach. "We're just trying to pick up where you left off."

"Georges, thank you," Fennelly told Niang as the bitter cold and negative 20-degree windchill struck him. "Get in the car. I've got to go."

One by one, players from the men's team shared their congratulations that night. "Way to go, Coach," they told him. That connection this season has not been uncommon. As each team moved forward with unblemished records — until each dropped their first game of the season Saturday — the bond picked up.

Players from each team would tease each other about who might inevitably lose for the first time. Collectively, the group started 28-0 before a number in that second column finally appeared during the weekend.

"They're a heck of a team," Niang said. "I think it's great for our program that they're as successful as we are. It's overall just great for the Iowa State fans, also."

A modest Fennelly is happy his women's team is being mentioned with the men's.

"It's been a lot of fun to be a part of it," Fennelly said. "Certainly any time our program is even mentioned with the success and the good things going on the men's side — we're very flattered by that."

What both teams have been a part of in the first half of the 2013-14 season has been historic for Iowa State.

Both teams set new records for the best start in a season at 14-0, and 14-game winning streaks and each moved to the top of the record books, as well.

The men went undefeated in non-conference play for the first time since the 1956-57 season and the women did it for only the third time in program history.

The men's team has gone from unranked in its first game to No. 9 in the country last week, its highest ranking since the 2000-01 season. The women's team has jumped from No. 23 to begin the season up to No. 11 in the most recent poll, its highest ranking since the 2001-02 season.

And then there has been the magic Nikki Moody alluded to. Three top-25 victories for the men at Hilton Coliseum — two of which were top-10 wins — and two top-25 victories for the women, one at home and the other on the road.

Maybe none of those records compare to the one that has pushed Iowa State basketball into the spotlight most this season.



Illustration by Morgan Walgamuth/Photo by Brian Achenbach/ Iowa State Daily  
**Iowa State coaches Fred Hoiberg and Bill Fennelly emphasize the importance of teamwork. ring upcoming games.**

Hilton Magic : recent home records			
Season	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Men	16 - 2	16 - 1	8 - 0
Women	14 - 2	13 - 2	8 - 1

When the University of Connecticut men were defeated on Dec. 18, Iowa State became the lone school remaining in the country with both its men and women's programs undefeated. That title stood alone for more than three weeks until Saturday when the men fell at Oklahoma and the women fell to No. 15 Oklahoma State at Hilton.

Yet it was that mark that had an ESPN SportsCenter anchor signing off a late night show early last week, mentioning both programs to the effect of, "There is something special going on up in Ames."

Something historic, something Iowa State fans might call magic.

"You look around the country and there's a lot of good teams, but to be in this position; it isn't just about basketball," Fennelly said. "It's about our university getting a lot of attention and people saying, 'Wow, look at what Iowa State is doing,'

"With social media, there are a lot of people talking that don't know where Iowa State is."

## Rise of the programs

Fred Hoiberg remembers during his playing career at Iowa State when not much attention was paid to the women's program.

It was a squad that was second-fiddle to the success of the Johnny Orr era at Iowa State and a team that recorded only 237 wins in its first 20 years of existence.

"There'd be 300 or 400 fans at the game," Hoiberg said. "[It has been great] to see what Bill has done to make it a night where you want to be at Hilton Coliseum whatever team is taking the floor."

The season prior to Fennelly's 1995 arrival at Iowa State, the Cyclones averaged 733 fans per home game.

In the 2012-13 season, that number ballooned to 9,970 people per home contest, which ranked second in the nation in attendance behind Tennessee.

Iowa State has also seen a change in fans' tendencies when attending men's games. Fans can be found camping at the foot of the steps leading up to Hilton as many 48 hours prior to being admitted.

Melvin Ejim began his career at Iowa State in the same season Hoiberg kicked off his coaching tenure, and has seen the Cyclones' program come "full circle" in a

span of four years.

"My freshman year we were just an average team, below average," Ejim said. "Now we've become a great team, become a good team in the top-10. It's fun to see that. It's fun to see a program flourish and develop and to be a part of that."

The ISU athletic department announced before the conference season began that all but four men's basketball games were sold out, with those games remaining being sold as single tickets or limited-availability seating.

Despite the capacity crowds at Hilton, the men and women's teams can be seen at each other's games.

Georges Niang, DeAndre Kane and Naz Long filed into the arena with fans cheering them on at Saturday's women's game against Oklahoma State.

They were coming off a loss of their own in Norman, Okla., but win or lose, each team knows the other is always there in support for one another.

"We're cheering for them. They're cheering for us," said Jadda Buckley. "I think there is a little bit of competitiveness, too."

With both programs housed in the Sukup Basketball Complex in west Ames, there is a lot of dialogue between Fennelly and Hoiberg.

Fennelly has admitted he has gotten tips on ways to use Hallie Christofferson on offense based on what Hoiberg did with Royce White in 2011-12.

Fennelly feels fortunate to be able to have that sense of teamwork with his counterpart on the men's side.

"The biggest guy, not just in Ames, one of the biggest guys in the country, is Fred," Fennelly said. "When he recognizes what you're doing and talks to the kids, it makes you feel good. Let's be honest, it makes me feel good."

Ejim notices Fennelly reciprocating by going to men's practices when he can, cheering them on and talking with them. All across the board, Hoiberg knows the relationship with the women's team is a good one.

"I don't think that's the norm," Hoiberg said. "I go to coach Fennelly for advice and sometimes he'll come down and pick my brain a little bit.

"I don't know if I give him anything, but he sure gives me something."



Kelby Wingert/Iowa State Daily  
**Freshman guard Jadda Buckley attempts to score during the game against Texas Tech on Wednesday in Hilton Coliseum. Buckley had 9 points in the Cyclones' 74-48 win.**

## Attention doesn't satisfy Iowa State

The notifications began rolling in on freshman guard Monte Morris' phone after Iowa State defeated No. 7 Baylor at Hilton. That was no different than any other win this season.

"Good game," one tweet read.

"Keep it up," another fan told him.

"I'm your biggest fan," he heard.

The popularity of Iowa State basketball has reached new heights.

Players receive loads of tweets and they hear what fans and pundits are saying.

"It's big time. I didn't know the fan-base here was so huge," Morris said of the constant feedback. "Every time I log onto Twitter, I've got a notification from a fan. It just shows the support. It's just a feeling I've never had."

An historic start will do that, but neither team sees a quick start or broken records as enough to satisfy their goals at season's end.

"Any time there's something that says "Best" or "First" in school history, that's a good thing," Fennelly said. "I tell our kids, there's going to be no banners. There's not going to be anything special, but it is to say that you started a season better than any other team that's ever played. I think that's a cool thing."

As Hoiberg approaches his team in the huddle at a practice at Sukup, he asks his players if they are satisfied with a perfect nonconference slate or the longest winning streak in program history.

The answer is a resounding, 'No.'

"(Our goal) is to go far in the tournament," Niang said. "I said this before, if we lose in the first round of the tournament , this season would be a failure to me. I don't see it as a success at all. I think we're just coming in and pushing forward."

Pushing forward after their first loss of the season, the spotlight will shine again on Hilton tonight as another top-25 showdown hits the court in Ames.

"Every time we take the floor, it's a big game," Hoiberg said. "We're not going to put more emphasis or importance on one game than the next. You've got to take care of your home court. If you take care of your home court, at the end of the year you're going to be fine."

Since the 2011-12 season, the men are 40-3 at Hilton, the women are 35-5 in that same span.

The magic of playing at home has pushed the Cyclones into national attention.

This time, the storyline is Iowa State basketball.

"I think there's a lot of thinking that their team and our team play basketball at Iowa State," Fennelly said. "This is the women's team, that's the men's team, but we all play basketball at Iowa State and we're all trying to do something positive."

Maddy Arnold contributed to this story.

# Player Highlights

**Kane** — The senior is the only player in the nation averaging 16 points, 7 rebounds and 6 assists per game.

**Thomas** — The freshman guard hasn't had a turnover since Nov. 20 against BYU.

**Niang** — The sophomore has reached double figures in scoring in 12 of 15 games.

**Ejim** — In his final season, Ejim has scored in double figures in all 13 appearances.

**Hogue** — The junior transfer is averaging 12.3 points and 9.3 rebounds per game.

**Moody** — The junior has had five or more assists in 10 of 15 games this season.

**Buckley** — The freshman is shooting 89 percent from the free throw line.

**Johnson** — As a freshman, she is averaging 10.3 points and 8.5 rebounds per game.

**Williamson** — She has made 31 3-pointers for the Cyclones this season.

**Christofferson** — The senior has reached 20 points in 10 of 15 games.

